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SUBJECT: MAY DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE

1. IN RESPONSE TO UK REP'S (PETERS) QUERY DURING DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA APRIL 27 (SEPTEL), ASYG MUMFORD STATED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) WOULD CIRCULATE A FIRST DRAFT OF THE DPC COMMUNIQUE BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK. MUMFORD STATED THAT THE REASONS FOR THE DELAY IN DRAFTING WAS THE POSTPONEMENT UNTIL MAY 3 OF DPC DISCUSSION OF PRESENTATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTDP) (SEPTEL) BECAUSE OF THE NEED FOR GUIDANCE FROM PERMREPS CONCERNING HOW THE LTDP SHOULD BE HANDLED IN THE COMMUNIQUE -- SUBSTANTIVELY OR SUMMARILY -- IN VIEW OF SHORTLY FOLLOWING SUMMIT FOCUS ON THE LTDP.

2. MUMFORD SAID HE BELIEVES THAT, WITH THE LTDP THE CENTRAL ISSUE IN THE DPC MINISTERIAL, IT LIKELIKE WOULD
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HAVE TO BE THE CENTERPIECE OF THE DPC COMMUNIQUE, BUT ADDED THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO CAREFULLY BALANCE ITS TREATMENT SO AS NOT TO STEAL THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE'S THUNDER.

3. WE INTEND TO WORK INFORMALLY WITH THE IS ON THE COMMUNIQUE AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY PRELIMINARY WASHINGTON

VIEWS BY EARLY NEXT WEEK IF POSSIBLE. BENNETT

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